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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Dance Hall Hill, LLC

FACILITY NAME: Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa

FACILITY LOCATION: Located two miles south-east of Emigrant, MT

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000105

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue the existing Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000105, to Dance Hall Hill, LLC for the Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa facility. This permitting action reauthorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system.

All permitted activities take place within an area that has been used for recreational and agricultural purposes since the late 1800's. The applicant has retained effective permit coverage for the on-site disposal of treated wastewater since approximately 1999.

The applicant has proposed to fully replace the existing treatment and disposal system. The replacement treatment will incorporate a series of conventional septic tanks. The replacement disposal system will be a subsurface pressure dosed drainfield located in the immediate vicinity of the current drainfield. The proposed system has been reported to collect wastewater that is domestic in-nature at a maximum daily design flow of 16,345 gallons per day.

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The discharge structures (current and proposed) are located on the terrace to the west of the intersection of Chico Road and Dance Hall Hill Road: Latitude: 45.34001°; Longitude: -110.69501°; Section 01, Township 06 South, Range 08 East; Park County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 10, 2016. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 10, 2016 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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